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1. FROM INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS WITH BOTH LDC AND WEO
DELEGATES ON OPENING DAY OF REVIEW AND APPRAISAL COMMITTEE
SESSION IN NEW YORK LAST WEEK, WE GATHER THAT THE NOTION
APPARENTLY ENTERTAINED BY SOME (E.G., THE DUTCH) THAT
THIS SESSION MIGHT AT SOME POINT CONVERT ITSELF INTO A
PREPARATORY COMMITTEE TO INITIATE WORK ON AN IDS FOR
THE THIRD DEVELOPMENT DECADE HAD BEEN ABANDONED. IT WAS
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CLEAR THAT NEITHER THE LDC'S NOR MOST WEO'S ARE PREPARED
TO LAUNCH THIS EXERCISE AT THIS JUNCTURE AND THAT THEY
LOOK TO THE 32ND GA TO KICK IT OFF. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
HASHMI (INDIA) DID, HOWEVER, INDICATE AN INTEREST IN
INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS AMONG
INTERESTED DELEGATES.

2. THE ABOVE GENERALLY CONFORMS TO OUR VIEWS PER PARAGRAPH 2 OF REFTEL, I.E., THAT THIS SESSION SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL AND SHOULD NOT UNDERTAKE TO INVOLVE ITSELF FORMALLY IN THE QUESTION OF A NEW IDS FOR DD III. THERE IS NO MANDATE FOR THE COMMITTEE TO BECOME INVOLVED AT THIS JUNCTURE. GA RESOLUTION 31/182 SIMPLY ASKED THE SYG, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT PLANNING (CDP), THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION (ACC) AND OTHER UN AGENCIES, TO COLLECT INFORMATION RELEVANT TO FORMULATING A NEW IDS AND TO REPORT THROUGH THE RESUMED 63RD ECOSOC (FALL 1977) TO THE 32ND GA, WHICH WOULD AT THAT TIME CONSIDER APPROPRIATE ACTION FOR PREPARING A NEW IDS.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHAT IDEAS OTHER DELEGATIONS MIGHT HAVE WITH RESPECT TO THE MACHINERY TO BE SET IN MOTION BY THE 32ND GA FOR THIS PURPOSE. ONE DELEGATE MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF THE R AND A COMMITTEE ITSELF BEING DESIGNATED AT THAT TIME. THIS CERTAINLY DESERVES CONSIDERATION, SINCE IT WOULD MEAN PUTTING TO GOOD USE AN EXISTING ECOSOC COMMITTEE ALREADY INVOLVED IN THE PRESENT IDS. ITS SIZE (54) IS THE SAME AS THAT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE THAT DRAFTED THE PRESENT IDS. (THE LATTER, CREATED BY GA RESOLUTION 2411 (XIII) IN 1968, WAS COMPOSED OF THE THEN 27 MEMBERS OF ECOSOC PLUS 27 ADDITIONAL MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE GA, AND IT REPORTED TO THE GA THROUGH THE ECOSOC. THE R AND A COMMITTEE, OF COURSE, DID NOT THEN EXIST.) OTHERS MIGHT PREFER SOME ALTERNATIVE, HOWEVER, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUCH AS A 54 MEMBER PREPCOM WITH THE SAME MEMBERSHIP AS THIS YEAR'S OR NEXT YEAR'S ECOSOC, OR WITH SOME OTHER SELECTION FORMULA. WE ARE OPEN MINDED ON THE SUBJECT AT THIS STAGE.

4. WITH REGARD TO HASHMI'S IDEA OF INFORMAL EXCHANGES OF VIEW ON THE CONTENT OF A NEW IDS, WE CONSIDER THIS WORTH PURSUING, CONSISTENT WITH PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFTEL.

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